

Narrative:

This design is for a new lot of full or nearly full sun, and is suitable for disturbed and somewhat compacted soils. This plan consists of tough and durable native plants. This planting, like all plantings, will take a couple of years to establish during which time the plants will need watering. After the establishment period the landscape should not need watering even for 30 day periods of no rain. The sole exception is the Yellowwood and its substitutes which will not appreciate drying out.

Soil amendments should not be necessary except in the most difficult soils. The cost, at the plant sizes recommended, to install is \$1,775.00. Wood chips would be used as a mulch to connect the woody plants into continuous landscape beds. In the fall the falling leaves are to be re-applied to the landscape beds. Although not included in the planting, due to cost restraints, it would be useful to add deciduous perennials, which could spread in the beds such as Wild Ginger, May Apples, Coral Bells, Columbine, Doll Eyes, and Crested Iris. These are natives which are spreading, colorful, and require little care. As the landscape matures it will be like a woodland oasis with openings of lawn close to the home. There will be shade, color, evergreen interest, food, and shelter for birds throughout the year.

Mowing could be done quickly and reasonably with a push mower. There is no pruning or shearing required other than the removal of dead and injured wood and the structured cut needed to create the proper form of the trees and shrubs. Two-four hours every year will take care of the pruning needs. Mowing with a 32" power mower would take about 15 minutes.